



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**

## **COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** February 10, 2009

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** State Workforce Housing Reward Program Projects

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council redirect the remaining balance of State Workforce Housing Reward Funds from the Franklin Center project (\$98,362) to other Park and Recreation facility projects.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In April 2006, Council approved and appropriated \$263,000 in State Workforce Housing Reward Program funds to the Redevelopment Agency Capital Fund for ADA improvements to the Franklin Center Public Restrooms.

In the spring of 2007, the County of Santa Barbara requested approval for \$1 million in tenant improvements to the portion of the Franklin Center they lease for the County Health Clinic. The City and County negotiated cost sharing a number of common area accessibility improvements triggered by the County project, including the public restroom. The preliminary cost for the improvements was estimated at \$300,000. The City agreed to reimburse the County \$200,000 towards that cost. If project costs exceeded the estimate, the agreement contained gradual terms for the City to reimburse up to \$290,000.

In June 2007, Council approved the County 10-year lease agreement and construction addendum. The Council appropriated an additional \$35,362 from State Workforce Housing Reward Funds for the project, bringing the total funding to \$298,362 for Franklin Center ADA improvements. In September 2008, construction was completed, with the actual cost to the City at \$200,000, leaving a balance of \$98,362 which can be reallocated for qualifying projects that can be completed by June 30, 2009.

### **Proposed Projects**

Understanding that it is critical to complete these projects expeditiously or funds will be lost, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and RDA staff met and identified Franklin Neighborhood Center, Ortega Welcome House, and Haley St. Youth Center, for improvements. The three sites previously received Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) funds, meet fund criteria, and have opportunity projects that would complement current or proposed CDBG projects that can be completed by June 30, 2009.

Franklin Neighborhood Center - \$50,362

Additional necessary improvements at the Franklin Center: Approximately \$20,000 will be spent for asbestos removal, tile in the custodial closet, ceiling tiles, lights in two portions of the hallway, a free standing mailbox, and additional signs on the building. Approximately \$30,362 will be used for exterior security cameras in the parking lot, back alley, and entrance of the Eastside Library.

Ortega Welcome House - \$23,000

Approximately \$23,000 will be spent for roof replacement, termite eradication and dry rot repairs.

Haley Street Youth Center (Primo Boxing) - \$25,000

Approximately \$25,000 is proposed to be used to replace the roof at the Haley Street Youth Center, where Primo Boxing is housed.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

With Council approval, the City will use up to \$98,362 in remaining State Workforce Housing Reward Program funds to complete projects at Franklin Neighborhood Center (\$50,362), Ortega Welcome House (\$23,000), and Haley St. Youth Center (\$25,000).

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:**

Sustainability features include ceiling panels with a high percentage of recycled content, new lighting equipped with energy efficient T-5 lamps and electronic ballasts, vinyl flooring without V.O.C. "off-gassing", asbestos removal under strict guidelines of the Air Pollution Control District, chemical-free heat termite treatment, and roofing that meets the City's sustainability standard.

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